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### LOCAL NEWS AND HOME READING.

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### News Summary.

**Foreign.**—Nihilists send a man to murder Bismarck and fire a building in Russia to destroy documents.—Explosion in Moordoff Colliery, England; many killed.—China militarily active.—Gen. Pryor does not expect to take a regular part in O'Donnell's defence.—Lord Coleridge consults with members of the bar respecting English and American law methods.—Prussian minister to the Vatican demands resignations of Card. Ledochowski and Abp. Melchior.—Portugal asserts its rights over the Lower Congo (Livinstone) River.—Statue to A. Dumas, Paris.—Moody and Sankey at Islington—\$15,000 lost by Glasgow fire.

**Domestic.**—*Election News:* New York Carr (Rep.) over Maynard (Dem.) 19,000; Legislature Rep.; New Jersey, Leon Abbott (Dem.) elected Governor; Pennsylvania, heavily Republican; Mass., Ben Butler; Badly beaten; Virginia, Mahone defeated.—Tornado near Springfield, Mo.; eleven persons killed.—Root of capitol (by no means a capital roof) at Madison, Wis., fell, killing four and wounding twenty.—Rev. Geo. Alexander called to University Place Church, New York city.—Rep. Nat. Com. meet in Washington, Dec. 12.—Ex-Senator Randolph dead.—Bertini sue Macleod for breach of contract; damages at \$500,000.—Chess tournament, N. Y. vs. Phila.: Zukertort and Steinitz both here.—Seth Low re-elected Mayor of Brooklyn.—Yale beats Rutgers, and Princeton beats Wesleyan at football.—Whaling season in Arctic Ocean a failure.—Mary Churchill returns to her father.—Gold in Dakota.—Lots of Martin Luther celebrations.—Sam Pine breaks jail.

### About Town.

The Battery boys have named their gun "Essex No. 2."

Election day was as beautiful Indian summer weather as one could wish to see.

For private reasons, Mr. Frank D. Ward has tendered his resignation as a Truck member.

Dr. Edward Stubbart will deliver an address in the Park M. E. Church on Sunday evening.

Miss Anna L. Ward and Miss Florence H. Hayden have returned from their Nova Scotia trip, looking brown and well.

Mr. Alexander Marr was married Thursday afternoon to Miss Gertie Ashely by the Rev. Dr. Farrington.

George Hummel, formerly a clerk at J. P. Scherf's pharmacy, is taking a course at the New York College of Pharmacy.

Miss Minnie Hurlbut, of Bloomfield, has been admitted as a special student at Wellesley College. She will begin her studies in the institution at once.

Among the young men of the town who have attempted the study of telegraphy, Wm. Linder has been successful.

Election returns were received on Tuesday evening, by the Truck Company; much interest was manifested by those present.

A Bloomfield lady recently purchased a lottery ticket that drew a prize of \$25.

Mr. Chas. E. Breeden, of Glen Ridge, has taken his dogs and gun and departed for a few days' shooting.

Prof. P. J. Oehl's orchestra has been engaged for the Minstrel entertainment. We are told that about 400 seats have been sold.

The schoolship Jamestown arrived at Newport, R. I., a few days since. Among several boys on board from this vicinity is Willie Sutliff.

There will be a meeting of the Republican Club at Wilde's Hall, on Tuesday evening next. It is urgently requested that there may be a full attendance. C. M. Davis, Pres.; M. W. Jones, Sec.

A surprise party was given to Miss Emma Grimshaw, Bloomfield Avenue, on Tuesday evening. About 30 couples were present. Dancing and other amusements were kept up until a late hour.

Water-pipes have been laid up Bloomfield Avenue to Race Street. Water has been supplied as far as practicable to those on the line. A trial test was made at Peloubet's recently, proving entirely satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart B. Jacobs sailed on Tuesday, Nov. 6th, in the steamer Cienfuegos, for Nassau, New Prov., where they intend to spend the winter, returning North next June. They carry with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

Burbank, the humorous elocutionist, will appear in Library Hall on Nov.

21st, under the auspices of Excelsior Lodge, K. of H. A gift entertainment has been arranged for the latter part of the evening.

Mr. E. E. Marsh is confined to his house by a severe attack of sickness. We hope soon to see him able to attend to his business. His place behind the prescription counter is supplied by Mr. H. A. Haase, an experienced druggist from Newark.

The difference in feeling displayed by one of our Glen Ridge men on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning was somewhat laughable. Hudson County's 1,000 Democratic majority finished him on Tuesday P. M.

An excellent job in the line of town improvements, has just been finished in the Centre; a cross walk has been laid from Baker & Hubbell's corner, directly across the Centre to the lower point of Bloomfield Avenue and Broad Street.

A number of relatives assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cooper, on Orange Street Thursday evening, to participate in a wooden wedding reception. Congratulations and best wishes were exchanged, and the evening was spent in various amusements, winding up with a most excellent supper.

Dr. Edward Stubbart had a hard time at the polls; his vote being challenged as that of a non-resident. It is difficult to see why he had not a right to it, for he has never relinquished his American citizenship, and his residence has always been considered to be Bloomfield. He finally swore it in.

Mr. Walter M. Hopler, of Bloomfield, and Miss Clara W. Smith, daughter of Theodore Smith, of Milburn, were married on Tuesday, at four o'clock, in the Baptist church of that place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. E. Bogart. Business preventing an extended tour, Mr. and Mrs. Hopler have taken up their abode among us at once.

The Thanksgiving services this year will be held in the Baptist Church. The Rev. H. W. Ballantine will preach the sermon; the Rev. D. R. Lowrie will make the prayer; the Rev. S. W. Duffield will read the Scriptures; and the pastor, Rev. E. D. Simons, will preside. A collection will be taken for the poor of the town, which will be equally divided between the different churches, and the hour of commencing the exercises will be 11 o'clock.

Montclair people will be favored with a first class literary entertainment on Tuesday evening next. The artists of the evening are Miss Bella Boeve, Adelaide B. Johnson, and Mr. J. C. Bostleman. Miss Boeve is well-known and highly appreciated as an elocutionist by our people, and many expressions of regret are made that the evening chosen chance to be on a date occupied by the Westminster Lyceum Course.

Two representatives from Montclair No. 1, with Messrs. Hardcastle and Puffer of Essex No. 1, spent the morning of election day in going to Kingsland, where the D. L. & W. R. R. Co. shops are located, for the purpose of securing alarms for their truck houses. Through the kindness of Messrs. Lewis and Castle they were shown a number of locomotive tires, which were tested, and each company was presented with one. Thanks are due to Mr. T. J. Griffith for his attention to our representatives while on the above business.

The next Seminary lecture is on Monday evening, and not on Tuesday evening, of next week. The change of day is made to avoid collision with the Westminster course. The subject will be, "The Suez Canal—a Revolution in Commerce," illustrated, as we understand, by diagrams, maps, etc., etc., by Rev. James F. Riggs, son of the Rev. Dr. Riggs of Constantinople. These lectures of the Seminary on geographical changes in the map of the world are one of the good features of their lecture system.

#### Montclair Items.

A committee of Montclair Hook and Ladder Co. accompanied a like committee from Essex No. 1, to witness experiments with the steel tires so generously supplied by the officials of the D. L. & W. R. R. Co. They give a very satisfactory report.

Robert Anderson, the twelve year old son of C. W. Anderson, of Upper Montclair, accompanied the Roseville wheelmen on their run to Morristown, on Tuesday last, feeling his bicycle the entire distance, which was covered in one hour and a half actual running time.

Isn't it about time that Upper Montclair had telephone communication with Montclair? It is a possible thing for a fire to get under such headway that, when an alarm reaches Montclair, the "hooks" cannot get up there in time to be of any practical service.

The Committee on Celebration of the M. H. & L. Co. are hard at work. Next week the line of march and particulars will be given. The supper will be at Montclair Hall, and covers will be laid for 200 guests. Many residences will be illuminated, and it is hoped that a special effort will be made to have a gala night, and give the "boys" a hearty reception.

The Christian Union of the Congregational Church, of Upper Montclair, gave an entertainment and oyster supper at their church, Tuesday evening. Every thing passed off pleasantly until the affair was almost over. About half past ten o'clock those who had gone were startled by the loud ringing of the church bell, and running back found that the central chandelier with its six kerosene lamps had fallen and, of course, had started a fire which threatened considerable damage but by a united effort of the gentlemen led by a member of the M. H. & L. Co. the flames were smothered. The damage which is confined to a few of the pew carpet, cushions, and lamps, will be easily repaired.

#### THE LITERARY.

The first meeting of the Literary, Monday evening, was a decided success. Some time before eight o'clock the chapel of the Congregational church was almost as well filled as at any of the most popular of the entertainments last year. Mr. Bradford called the meeting to order, and nominated as chairman for the year the gentleman who had before so acceptably filled the position—Dr. Marvin.

The nomination met with unanimous approval, and the Doctor, taking the chair, was greeted with applause. The subject as announced was, "Some Knickerbocker Poets." Numerous were the queries as to what writers could be referred to, and conjectures of all sorts were made. The idea was entertained by some that Oloffe the Dreamer or Wouter von Twiller might have left literary works which were to be resurrected; but a larger number, rightly judging that the Dutch mind was not even occasionally disturbed by poetic fancies, concluded that contributors to the Knickerbocker series of publications were to be discussed. Both surmises, however, proved incorrect.

First on the programme came a prologue. It was read by Dr. Marvin and though he modestly refrained from claiming the authorship, it was generally understood to be the product of his ever-ready pen. The essayist of the evening was Rev. Mr. Bradford. After announcing the title as "Some Knickerbocker Poets and Jones Very," he read an interesting and carefully prepared paper. It was then for the first time that the uninformed understood that the Knickerbocker poets were those who passed their literary lives in and about New York city. Fitz-Greene Halleck and Joseph Ray, Fletcher, described as the Beaumont and Fletcher of America, received more attention than other Knickerbocker authors, though N. P. Willis was not slighted, and Cooper, Irving, and others had brief mention.

Richard H. Dana, better known as journalist and essayist than as poet, had a prominent place; but the poet of Salem was the writer's favorite, and received the most partial criticism. The essay was followed by extracts characteristic of the authors. Mr. Willis Taylor read a selection from Dana's works, Miss Morrison from Jones Very, and Mr. W. J. L. Adams from Halleck. The "Culprit Fay" was well rendered by Miss Pearson, and the audience was glad to hear again from Mr. Weeks, who read a letter of Halleck's dated New York, 1825. It was rather amusing to hear of Dey Street and Park Place as fashionable promenades of that day, and the reference was quite significant of the growth of the metropolis.

The programme was shorter than usual, and although the variety generally given to these entertainments by musical selections was missed, those who attended went away, as Mr. Howard wittily remarked, "vishin' there was more of it."

#### THE B. F. A.

The B. F. A. is not by any means on its last legs, as some would like to have it understood; on the contrary, we are in a remarkably healthy state, and for a child of only eight months' growth, very large. No, my friends, we pay our bills, dollar for dollar, and try to mind our own business, and when called upon will do our best. True, we have some complaining members, but so does every congregation of over 100 men.

It is quite amusing to your correspondent to hear what people think of him, also to hear the wise ones declare their knowledge as to who it is that supplies the information: None of them need be concerned, as personalities tending to wound the feelings of any one will not be indulged in.

ESSEX NO. 1.

**The Essex County Hunt Races.**

The amateur races announced for last Saturday, on Ridgewood Avenue, attracted a large number of spectators, both ladies and gentlemen; the number present was variously estimated at from 1,000 to 2,000. The avenue for a long distance was lined on either side with vehicles of every description, from the aristocratic tandem to the democratic market wagon.

The races were run with but one misfortune, the knocking down of a man who got in the way of one of the horses; fortunately he was not seriously injured. The sweepstakes hurdle race, one mile over six hurdles, was the most interesting event on the programme; it was won by Mr. C. A. Heckscher, Mr. G. S. Howland being second.

For the farmers' race there were about half a dozen entries; it was won by Mr. Briscoe. In the half mile dash on the flat, Messrs. Heckscher and Howland were again respectively first and second. The two mile steeple chase was run through fields and over fences and hurdles. Mr. Howland coming in first and Mr. E. Hebeaud second.

The open Sweepstakes race, one mile on the flat, was won by Harry Howard, the huntsman. In the consolation race for beaten horses, young Master Howard came in ahead, but the race was awarded to Mr. Henry Durand on technical grounds. The whole affair was interesting and enjoyable—rather more so, we think, than the fox hunts.

#### Dr. Ward's Second Lecture.

The Bible, said the lecturer, has been a lonely book. It is a single book dealing with one God. Its position has been without possibility of comparison. For years there had been nothing by which its statements could be checked or authenticated. The Jews were at the fountain head, Greece and Rome were much later.

Thus there was the disadvantage that this book could not even be confirmed by other books. There was nothing contemporaneous. For instance, it was called impossible that a series of kings, in Abraham's day, could conquer the cities of the plain, coming from Babylon, as the Bible said they did.

In this century, history has taken a new start. In the last fifty years there has been a rewriting of history. In the last ten or fifteen years it has been possible to read from the monuments the story of Egypt and Assyria. The wars and conflicts are described there at length.

The lecturer then repeated his previous statement, of last Tuesday, to the effect that the Kings of Assyria and Babylon kept their records in their palaces. Now these inscriptions and remnants of libraries give the material which has been used. At this point, Dr. Ward also exhibited fragments of sculptured stones to show the method of inscription—some of which had been contributed by friends, and one of which Dr. Ward translated in part to the audience. It was a broken piece from the time of Assurbanipal. A brick from Babylon was also shown. Nebuchadnezzar's name is probably on this one.

The lecturer confined himself to a very general statement of the main points of comparison. First the cosmogony. The Bible tells of the making of the earth and the fall of man. Probably a similar series was told to Abraham in his youth, and they are very similar as we now have found them. A fragment tells how the gods made the beasts and tame creatures and creeping things, and how all that was made was good.

Then the flood is also given. It does not bear the same historical form as the Bible account. The Bible account is characteristically monotheistic—the Assyrians had a polytheistic religion. The Persians, with their two gods—of good and evil—came the nearest to this monotheism.

Dr. Ward then read the account of the flood, from the translated version, commenting on the differences, as it would be possible for something short of a verbatim report to follow him. Of course the great resemblances were emphasized. Noah is the narrator.

The ship of Noah, says the Assyrian story, stopped on the mountains of Nizir, and he sent forth a dove, and a swallow, and a raven who ate the corpses. The altar, the libation, and the dispersion of the animals were also given.

The Bible was written for those who were not a sea-going people. The ark is a box—and it floats. But here it is a ship with a pilot who guides it. The Bible account is the more natural and reasonable. The Assyrian story says that the gods will destroy men by beasts or pestilence, even if not by flood.

The story of Nimrod was then noted. He is always shown in one particular form with full face, and generally with a lion or some other beast which he has conquered. He it was who was the mighty hunter, and this confirms it.

The monuments are full of stories, which the kings give as their dreams. They also tell of images of gold and of immense suns spent in this manner.

Nebuchadnezzar was a conqueror, prouder of his buildings than of his conquests. "Is not this great Babylon which I have built?" was his boast. His inscriptions show this very pride. Dr. Ward read from the so-called India House inscription to illustrate this point.

It was to this great king that Daniel prophesied his downfall.

Dr. Ward apologized again for the broken shape of the lecture—very unfortunately, as his interested audience thought—and ended by the statement that the history of the Bible is confirmed by the monuments from beginning to end. The critical objections to the history of Scripture have thus been amply met by Egypt and Assyria.

#### The Bloomfield Township Vote by Districts.

For Governor:

Dixon (Rep.) . . . . . 327 121 192 650

Abott (Dem.) . . . . . 131 61 113 304

Urner (Nat.) . . . . . 8 9 12 29

Rev. S. Parsons (Pro.) . . . . . 3 1 1 5

Grand total . . . . . 468 202 318 988

For Assemblyman:

Harrison (Rep.) . . . . . 328 128 193 649

Howe (Dem.) . . . . . 130 65 113 308

Vreeland (Nat.) . . . . . 8 10 12 30

Grand total . . . . . 466 203 318 987

Dixon's majority in the township . . . . . 346

Harrison's " . . . . . 341

Montclair's Republican majority was 207; Caldwell's, 16.

Burd